



**CHALLENGE
CUP**

Media Information

**Men's Challenge Cup
2018/19**

**Final:
AM Madeira Andebol SAD
VS
CSM Bucuresti**



**EUROPEAN HANDBALL
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Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the final of the Men's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the final two games and the participating teams. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

Media portal

All media representatives are invited to register for the EHF media portal on <http://members.ehf.eu>. The European Handball Federation's media portal is a one-stop-shop for media representatives offering all the EHF's media news such as press releases, event flash quotes directly after matches, press conference highlights, draw reactions and downloads of all relevant information including, but not limited to, media guides and event logos. Furthermore photographs that are free for editorial use will be available for download.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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Important regulations

Scoring of the matches in the final

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning

the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report that have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

[Find all the regulations here](#)



2018/2019 MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	
			32 teams	32 teams	Last 16	1/4-finals	1/2-finals	finals	
NATION			06/07.10.2018 first leg	17/18.11.2018 first leg	09/10.02.2019 first leg	23/24.03.2019 first leg	20/21.04.2019 first leg	11/12.05.2019 first leg	
DRAWNS:			13/14.10.2018 second leg	24/25.11.2018 second leg	16/17.02.2019 second leg	30/31.03.2019 second leg	27/28.04.2019 second leg	18/19.05.2019 second leg	
			17.07.2018	17.07.2018	27.11.2018	19.02.2019	19.02.2019	30.04.2019	
1	POR	no matches		AM Madeira Andebol SAD	16 Winners of Challenge Cup round 3				
2	ROU								
3	GRE								
4	NOR								
5	LUX								
6	NED								
7	RUS								
8	BEL								
9	SRB								
10	TUR								
11	SVK								
12	CZE								
13	BIH								
14	ISR								
15	UKR								
16	BUL								
17	MNE				MRK Jedinstvo	16 Winners of Challenge Cup round 2			
18	KOS								
19	CYP								
20	MDA								
21	GBR								
22	EST								
23	ITA								
24	LTU								
25	GEO								
26	BLR								
27	FIN								
28	AUT								
29	AZE								
30	LAT								
31	GRE								
32	NOR								
33	LUX				HB Dudelange	8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4			
34	NED								
35	RUS								
36	BEL								
37	TUR								
38	BIH								
39	ISR								
40	UKR								
41	KOS								
42	MDA								
43	GBR								
44	LTU								
45	GRE								
46	MDA								
47	GBR								
48	LTU								
				JD Techniek Hurry-up	4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5				
				Dynamo-Victor					2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6
				Estudiantes					
				Selka Eskisehir HSK					
				RK Borac m:tel					
				Holon Yuvalim HC					
				ZNTU-ZAS Zaporozhye					
				KH Kastrioti					
				Colos SS4 Ciobruciu					
				London GD HC					
				Granitas-Karys					
				Pas Aeropos Edessas					
				SSSCJRO-1 Tiraspol					
				Olympia HC					
				HC Kauno Azuolas-KTU					



AM Madeira Andebol SAD vs CSM Bucuresti



Playing hall

Pavilhao do Maritimo
Rua do Maritimo, Complex Desportivo, Madeira
Portugal
Capacity: 650

1st leg: Sunday 12 May, 15:30 hrs*

[LIVE ON EHFTV.COM](http://LIVE.ON.EHFTV.COM)

Referees: André Buache (SUI), Marco Meyer (SUI)

EHF Delegate: Anrijs Brecans

EHF Representative: Marek Goralczyk (POL)

2nd leg: Saturday 18 May, 14:30 hrs*

[LIVE ON EHFTV.COM](http://LIVE.ON.EHFTV.COM)

Referees: Konstantinos Katsikis (GRE),

Michalis Michailidis (GRE)

EHF Delegate: Jerzy Eliasz

EHF Representative: Balázs Soós (HUN)

* all times local

Apart from their two EHF Champions League campaigns, Madeira have been in the early rounds of the EHF Cup six times this decade, most recently in the 2012/13 season.

In the Challenge Cup, the Portuguese club reached the semi-final last year, while CSM Bucuresti were in the EHF Cup the previous three years, reaching the group phase in the 2015/16 season.

CSM did not get the best possible last test before flying to Madeira for the first leg on Sunday, as the team from the Romanian capital lost 34:31 away to Timisoara in Romanian league play-offs on Wednesday.

“It is true that at the moment we are experiencing a series of problems that limit the performance of the team, but we will of course try to ensure as good a result as possible in Madeira, so that we can maintain the possibility of bringing the decision in the second match in Bucharest,” says CSM’s Portuguese coach Paulo Pereira.

“Madeira SAD are a serious opponent, and more than ever we must take care of every little detail of the game in order to win this competition. We will do all we can to do so,” he adds.

Madeira also failed to gain much confidence from their latest domestic game. They lost 33:30 away to Aquas Santas in the Portuguese championship play-off on Monday.



Playing hall

Dinamo Bucuresti
Soseaue Stefan Cel Mare 7-9,
Sector 2, 020121 Bucuresti,
Romania
Capacity: 2,538

Past achievements:

Challenge Cup: Finalist 2018/19

EHF Cup: Last 16 2005/06

EHF Champions League:

Last 32 1999/00

Past achievements:

Challenge Cup: Finalist 2018/19

EHF Cup: Group Phase 2015/16

Domestic league

LPA

Last 3 games

04/05 vs Aguas Santas	L27:28
01/05 @ Sporting CP	L31:28
24/04 vs Belenenses	L23:28

Next game

15/05 @Benfica

Final standings

1. Sporting CP	26	825:617	74
2. Porto	26	905:567	74
3. Benfica	26	811:595	71
...			
14. Arsenal	26	568:921	26

Domestic league

Liga nationala

Last 3 games

08/05 @SCM Politehnica Timisoara	L34 : 31
05/05 vs Dobrogea Sud	D24:24
02/05 @ Calarasi	L26:22

Final standings

1 Dobrogea Sud	26	773:639	64
2 Dinamo Bukarest	26	798:688	57
3.CSM Bucuresti	26	701:614	57
...			
14. Cluj	26	671:920	0



Historic encounters in the EC

AM Madeira Andebol SAD vs CSM Bucuresti

No previous encounters

AM Madeira Andebol SAD vs Romanian clubs

No previous encounters

CSM Bucuresti vs Portuguese clubs

No previous encounters

Last Ten Games in the European Cup competitions:



A.M. Madeira Andebol SAD: current run - unbeaten in nine

2018/19 Challenge Cup, semi-final: @ A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, semi-final: vs A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: @ Dicken (FIN)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: @ Dicken (FIN)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Last 16: vs Donbas (UKR)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Last 16: @ Donbas (UKR)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Round 3: vs JD Techniek Hurry-Up (NED)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Round 3: @ JD Techniek Hurry-Up (NED)
2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: @ A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)
2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: vs A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)

W22:30 (9:13)
W27:22 (12:10)
D26:26 (10:12)
W28:27 (15:9)
W28:25 (12:14)
W22:32 (12:13)
W32:28 (17:16)
W21:37 (9:17)
D23:23 (13:12)
L21:29 (6:16)



CSM Bucuresti: current run - won eight

2018/19 Challenge Cup, semi-final: vs HC Neva SPb (RUS)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, semi-final: @ HC Neva SPb (RUS)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: @ RK Borac m:tel (BIH)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: vs RK Borac m:tel (BIH)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Last 16: vs HC Dukla Praha (CZE)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Last 16: @ HC Dukla Praha (CZE)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Round 3: @ Parnassos Strovolov (CYP)
2018/19 Challenge Cup, Round 3: vs Parnassos Strovolov (CYP)
2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 2: @ SKA Minsk (BLR)
2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 2: vs SKA Minsk (BLR)

W25:20 (15:11)
W24:26 (13:11)
W23:29 (9:16)
W25:19 (16:7)
W30:25 (15:10)
W23:28 (10:19)
W14:47 (9:23)
W32:24 (17:10)
L33:30 (16:14)
L26:30 (14:14)



AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
21	Elias	Antonio Nogueira	ANG	Left Back	5/30/87	LUANDA	185	85	27
41	Gustavo	Capdeville	POR	Goalkeeper	8/31/97	Lisboa	193	81	0
16	Luis	Carvalho	POR	Goalkeeper	9/23/79	Matosinhos	183	92	0
9	Freitas	Hugo	POR	Left Wing	4/27/96	Vila Real Sto António	183	80	0
20	Bruno	Landim	CPV	Right Back	4/6/93		195	88	24
4	Hugo	Lima	POR	Centre Back	4/21/93	Lisboa	185	94	0
8	Joao	Martins	POR	Right Wing	5/21/97	Funchal	171	68	5
26	Joao	Miranda	POR	Left Wing	5/23/97	Funchal	186	87	4
31	Pedro	Peneda	POR	Centre Back	5/16/92	FAFE	191	90	27
50	Francisco	Pereira	POR	Centre Back	3/26/99	Lamego, POR	191	95	13
10	Ulisses	Ribeiro	POR	Left Wing	3/1/91		181	71	33
14	Daniel	Santos	POR	Right Wing	7/17/84	Porto	191	86	19
30	Elledy	Semedo	POR	Left Back	3/21/88	CABO VERDE	187	93	50
13	Lourenco	Silva	POR	Centre Back	8/10/01	Funchal	176	73	1
1	Pedro	Silva	POR	Goalkeeper	4/8/99	Funchal	182	91	0
5	Valter	Soares	POR	Line Player	3/11/98	Lagoa	190	94	11
23	Ruben	Sousa	POR	Line Player	3/22/95		195	98	26



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: yellow

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: red

DARK

Player shirt: marine red

Player short: marine red

Goalkeeper shirt: blue

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CSM Bucuresti (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
73	Daniel Ion	Bera	ROU	Left Wing	5/26/90	FAGARAS, ROU	181	82	23
16	Ionut	Ciobanu	ROU	Goalkeeper	9/23/84	Bucuresti, ROU	201	94	0
33	Allahkaram	Esteki	IRI	Back	3/20/88	Esfahan, IRI	195	107	15
6	Sajad	Esteki	IRI	Left Back	4/23/90	ESFAHAN, IRI	189	102	11
9	Goce	Georgievski	MKD	Right Wing	2/12/87	Skopje	185	83	11
11	Mihai	Grigore	ROU	Line Player	2/13/98	Bucuresti, ROU	193	94	0
1	Jakub	Krupa	CZE	Goalkeeper	6/19/85	Zubri, CZE	194	119	0
81	Dan Andrei	Lazar	ROU	Goalkeeper	6/11/00	Gaesti , ROU	193	87	0
12	Marouen	Maggaiz	TUN	Goalkeeper	7/28/83	Nabeul, TUN	192	110	0
97	Constantin	Manescu	ROU	Right Wing	9/26/97	Targu Jiu	190	78	25
8	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	1/4/94	Targu Jiu		0	5
52	Chike Osita	Onyejekwe	ROU	Left Wing	12/9/86	Zalau	185	85	21
77	Alexandro	Pozzer	BRA	Line Player	12/21/88	Caxias do Sul, BRA	193	97	15
28	Ionut Emanuel	Ramba	ROU	Left Back	2/8/91	Fagaras, ROU	198	100	21
13	Adrian Vladut	Rotaru	ROU	Line Player	7/1/94	Onesti		0	14
17	Leonardo Felipe	Sampaio Santos	BRA	Left Back	5/30/94	Maringa, BRA	192	97	20
2	Henrique	Selicani Teixeira	BRA	Centre Back	2/27/89	Maringa, BRA	192	95	31
19	Ramon Alin	Somla	ROU	Centre Back	2/20/94	Campia Turzii, ROU	195	100	4
29	Alexander	Barabash	ESP	Centre Back	10/4/83	Ajtubinsk, RUS	186	90	12
23	Faruk	Vrazalic	BIH	Right Back	6/22/90	Sarajevo	186	85	14



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: orange

Player short: orange

Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

DARK

Player shirt: blue

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: green, black

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Current top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Semedo Elledy (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	50
2.	Jakobsen Lars (DEN)	A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)	48
3.	Babkin Viktor (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	39
4.	Mikhalchuk Siarhei (BLR)	HC Masheka (BLR)	35
5.	Mylonas Christodoulos (GRE)	A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)	34
6.	Drabavicius Valdas (LTU)	VHC Sviesa Vilnius (LTU)	33
	Ribeiro Ulisses (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	33
8.	Balaz Maros (SVK)	A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)	32
9.	Granlund Max (FIN)	Dicken (FIN)	31
	Selicani Teixeira Henrique (BRA)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	31
	Turaev Pavel (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	31
12.	Pomeranz Chen (ISR)	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron (ISR)	28
	Voronin Kirill (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	28
14.	Antonio Nogueira Elias (ANG)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	27
	Haisa Aliaksei (BLR)	HC Masheka (BLR)	27
	Lindboe Andre (NOR)	OIF Arendal (NOR)	27
	Peneda Pedro (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	27
18.	Emelyanenko Nikolay (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	26
	Mazurov Vitaly (RUS)	Dynamo-Victor (RUS)	26
	Sousa Ruben (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	26
21.	Manescu Constantin-Bogdan (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	25

Bold text indicates players of teams still in the competition.



Men's Challenge Cup Past Winners

(formerly called City Cup for seasons 1-7)

2018	AHC Potaissa Turda	ROU
2017	Sporting CP	POR
2016	ABC/UMinho	POR
2015	HC Odorhei	ROU
2014	Sävehof IK	SWE
2013	SKA Minsk	BLR
2012	AC Diomidis Argos	GRE
2011	RK Cimos Koper	SLO
2010	Sporting Club de Portugal	POR
2009	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2008	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2007	CS UCM Resita	ROU
2006	Steaua Bucuresti	ROU
2005	Wacker Thun	SUI
2004	IFK Skövde HK	SWE
2003	Skjern Handball	DEN
2002	Skjern Handball	DEN
2001	RK Jugovic Kav	YUG
2000	TV Grosswallstadt	GER
1999	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	GER
1998	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1997	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1996	Drammen HK	NOR
1995	TV Niederwürzbach	GER
1994	TUSEM Essen	GER

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